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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cummulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

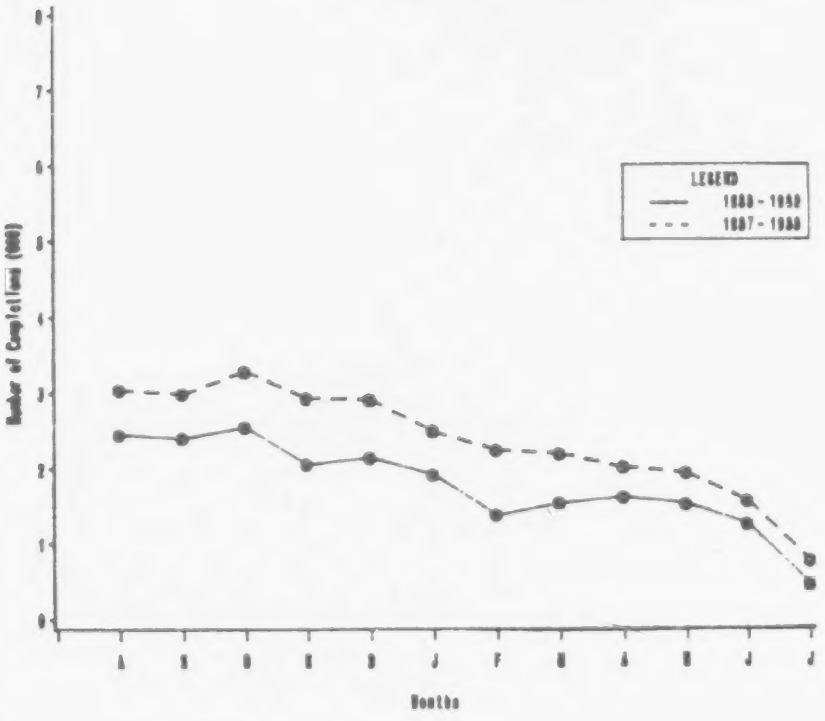

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JULY 28, 1989[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	3,660	16,430,110	2,577	14,816,542	3,386	18,212,316	9,623	49,458,968	9,825	50,245,723
1989: JUL	144	575,247	48	246,986	250	1,299,964	442	2,122,197	448	2,146,566
JUN	478	2,177,973	255	1,415,976	513	2,751,340	1,246	6,345,289	1,264	6,383,958
MAY	624	2,735,868	356	2,014,182	533	2,761,925	1,513	7,511,975	1,545	7,621,476
APR	667	2,898,394	401	2,396,993	534	2,918,348	1,602	8,213,735	1,636	8,344,221
MAR	543	2,486,214	457	2,661,091	534	2,848,157	1,534	7,995,462	1,584	8,196,052
FEB	488	2,223,883	465	2,803,708	420	2,379,010	1,373	7,406,601	1,401	7,538,072
JAN	716	3,332,531	595	3,277,606	602	3,253,572	1,913	9,863,709	1,947	10,015,378
TOTAL 1988	12,418	54,516,741	7,567	40,594,485	9,506	50,735,944	29,491	145,847,170	30,385	148,667,023
1988: DEC	727	3,349,876	700	3,710,831	713	3,982,787	2,140	11,043,494	2,201	11,281,357
NOV	735	3,262,047	656	3,520,471	667	3,721,705	2,058	10,504,223	2,107	10,619,946
OCT	913	4,132,657	743	3,713,996	890	4,598,437	2,546	12,445,090	2,620	12,634,886
SEP	885	4,169,709	733	3,716,453	781	4,133,949	2,399	12,020,111	2,463	12,263,938
AUG	962	3,742,808	645	3,229,763	841	4,495,438	2,448	11,468,009	2,513	11,691,887
JUL	1,011	4,377,833	583	3,116,922	813	4,394,491	2,407	11,889,246	2,459	12,058,445
JUN	1,113	4,685,768	597	3,208,838	820	4,159,486	2,530	12,054,092	2,601	12,314,523
MAY	1,156	4,849,182	544	2,933,146	834	4,219,664	2,534	12,001,992	2,633	12,314,097
APR	1,169	5,176,323	509	2,954,253	765	4,184,799	2,443	12,315,375	2,525	12,598,356
MAR	1,239	5,419,623	604	3,507,553	767	4,155,065	2,610	13,082,241	2,719	13,380,645
FEB	1,207	5,341,838	614	3,432,273	736	4,109,552	2,557	12,883,663	2,663	13,164,544
JAN	1,301	6,009,077	639	3,549,986	879	4,580,571	2,819	14,139,634	2,881	14,344,399
TOTAL 1987	15,687	64,227,219	7,566	40,162,450	10,899	53,637,828	34,152	158,027,497	35,020	160,663,453
1987: DEC	1,363	5,982,770	681	3,726,618	1,061	5,604,673	3,105	15,314,061	3,188	15,571,569
NOV	1,501	6,117,047	668	3,501,726	943	4,846,781	3,112	14,465,554	3,196	14,676,860
OCT	1,543	6,240,314	825	4,391,373	1,140	5,322,325	3,508	15,954,012	3,621	16,350,231
SEP	1,444	6,016,452	687	3,359,022	1,024	5,044,994	3,155	14,420,468	3,218	14,621,772
AUG	1,500	5,732,836	686	3,378,764	992	4,866,915	3,178	13,978,515	3,255	14,234,284
JUL	1,355	5,180,164	587	3,322,139	951	4,394,996	2,893	12,897,299	2,996	13,150,460
JUN	1,209	4,793,272	525	2,870,722	840	4,108,304	2,574	11,772,298	2,641	11,950,974
MAY	1,228	5,029,794	489	2,673,812	804	4,050,677	2,521	11,754,283	2,609	12,081,464
APR	1,083	4,688,543	512	2,847,917	817	3,729,687	2,412	11,266,147	2,452	11,386,283
MAR	1,065	4,578,710	611	3,219,131	747	3,714,192	2,423	11,512,033	2,462	11,631,953
FEB	1,129	4,673,414	614	3,248,510	702	3,386,206	2,445	11,308,130	2,494	11,484,104
JAN	1,267	5,193,903	681	3,622,716	878	4,568,078	2,826	13,384,697	2,888	13,523,499
TOTAL 1986	18,431	74,173,252	8,016	42,686,943	12,274	59,702,143	38,721	176,562,338	39,555	179,188,411
TOTAL 1985	36,481	142,997,082	12,867	70,454,547	21,384	103,447,265	70,732	316,898,894	72,701	322,696,568

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JULY 28, 1989[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	223	1,377,948	219	1,487,060	1,719	9,542,248	2,161	12,407,256
1989: JUL	5	29,991	1	13,438	138	764,154	144	807,583
JUN	22	135,419	27	162,628	258	1,412,063	307	1,710,110
MAY	27	208,714	27	163,268	277	1,469,674	331	1,841,656
APR	47	257,088	35	222,378	243	1,360,591	325	1,840,057
MAR	42	288,745	31	201,872	271	1,476,678	344	1,967,295
FEB	36	209,066	38	286,746	224	1,336,838	298	1,832,650
JAN	44	248,925	60	436,730	308	1,722,250	412	2,407,905
TOTAL 1988	795	4,849,566	643	4,348,607	4,602	26,660,712	6,040	35,858,885
1988: DEC	57	348,184	57	331,546	385	2,340,812	499	3,020,542
NOV	57	328,453	54	360,067	365	2,138,062	476	2,826,582
OCT	67	429,136	70	446,323	458	2,544,811	595	3,420,270
SEP	68	434,299	44	296,385	363	2,136,036	475	2,866,720
AUG	53	284,661	45	256,284	410	2,321,197	508	2,862,142
JUL	68	393,144	55	365,389	400	2,268,894	523	3,027,427
JUN	69	420,125	58	400,375	383	2,171,873	510	2,992,373
MAY	54	343,346	60	465,277	386	2,088,972	500	2,897,595
APR	83	552,471	59	393,858	348	1,955,797	490	2,902,126
MAR	64	384,056	44	318,839	364	2,175,029	472	2,877,924
FEB	74	487,349	50	385,717	352	2,156,614	476	3,029,680
JAN	81	444,342	47	328,547	388	2,362,615	516	3,135,504
TOTAL 1987	887	5,253,280	680	4,475,529	5,078	27,084,993	6,645	36,813,802
1987: DEC	72	410,551	52	335,718	511	2,911,001	635	3,657,270
NOV	90	544,965	58	319,667	464	2,587,798	612	3,452,430
OCT	77	412,534	73	460,049	526	2,689,019	676	3,561,602
SEP	86	535,258	54	328,045	485	2,549,282	625	3,412,585
AUG	75	427,994	69	418,514	443	2,358,781	587	3,205,289
JUL	83	448,787	52	351,788	408	2,133,470	543	2,934,045
JUN	70	428,539	50	417,269	371	1,982,000	491	2,827,808
MAY	68	380,284	51	362,001	373	1,998,302	492	2,740,587
APR	61	383,351	48	274,780	359	1,776,241	468	2,434,372
MAR	59	418,286	53	350,767	367	1,873,688	479	2,642,741
FEB	59	365,135	55	389,927	333	1,669,489	447	2,424,551
JAN	87	497,596	65	467,004	438	2,555,922	590	3,520,522
TOTAL 1986	993	5,964,190	749	5,083,406	5,415	29,837,047	7,157	40,884,643
TOTAL 1985	1,723	10,070,004	1,285	8,649,962	9,202	49,607,780	12,210	68,327,746

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING JULY 1989

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	743	3,188,950	510	2,817,221	534	2,695,558	1,787	8,701,729	1,833	8,840,721
1989: JUL	144	575,247	48	246,986	250	1,299,964	442	2,122,197	448	2,146,566
JUN	310	1,470,275	195	1,071,699	162	851,604	667	3,393,578	682	3,422,964
MAY	125	555,199	111	677,156	60	284,510	296	1,516,865	312	1,570,110
APR	92	348,557	83	425,169	33	137,101	208	910,827	211	919,738
MAR	38	121,057	32	180,578	12	54,283	82	355,918	88	378,999
FEB	18	58,181	26	138,224	10	41,096	54	237,501	54	237,501
JAN	16	60,434	15	77,409	7	27,000	38	164,843	38	164,843
TOTAL 1988	158	495,372	91	346,684	46	149,359	295	991,415	299	1,005,489
1988: DEC	26	106,571	21	84,558	11	57,614	58	248,743	60	255,293
NOV	15	59,539	16	56,634	8	22,714	39	138,887	40	141,522
OCT	19	36,422	10	39,697	5	9,025	34	85,144	34	85,144
SEP	10	36,985	13	58,828	2	4,783	25	100,596	25	100,596
AUG	17	52,877	4	13,660	6	17,288	27	83,825	27	83,825
JUL	10	37,578	3	12,468	2	3,538	15	53,584	15	53,584
JUN	23	44,507	6	16,082	2	7,441	31	68,030	31	68,030
MAY	17	29,073	7	22,639	3	8,618	27	60,330	27	60,330
APR	7	20,928	1	2,558	1	1,450	9	24,936	9	24,936
MAR	3	10,539	7	17,830	3	8,592	13	36,961	14	41,850
FEB	1	1,700	1	2,128	2	802	4	4,630	4	4,630
JAN	10	58,653	2	19,602	1	7,494	13	85,749	13	85,749
TOTAL 1987	27	105,043	9	29,540	43	76,696	79	211,279	81	216,338
1987: DEC	0	0	2	7,075	3	13,446	5	20,521	6	25,546
NOV	2	9,409	0	0	2	2,312	4	11,721	4	11,721
OCT	1	12,178	1	6,189	11	18,673	13	37,040	13	37,040
SEP	5	21,579	2	4,840	2	2,053	9	28,472	10	28,506
AUG	2	4,260	1	2,100	4	7,056	7	13,416	7	13,416
JUL	1	9,503	1	3,798	1	2,700	3	16,001	3	16,001
JUN	3	3,298	0	0	2	1,520	5	4,818	5	4,818
MAY	5	31,325	0	0	5	9,594	10	40,919	10	40,919
APR	2	2,921	0	0	0	0	2	2,921	2	2,921
MAR	3	6,997	1	3,950	6	7,881	10	18,828	10	18,828
FEB	2	2,594	0	0	3	4,550	5	7,144	5	7,144
JAN	1	979	1	1,588	4	6,911	6	9,478	6	9,478
TOTAL 1986	43	38,727	8	44,016	24	31,920	75	114,663	75	114,663
YRS PRIOR TO 1986	55	201,804	16	107,228	32	65,720	103	374,752	103	374,752
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,026	4,029,896	634	3,344,689	679	3,019,253	2,339	10,393,838	2,391	10,551,963

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of July 28, 1989. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period July 1, 1989 through July 28, 1989. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.